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8 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Administration

SUBJECT : Renewal of Contract with [REDACTED] for
Reduction of Stellar Images During Fiscal Year 1964

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REFERENCE : Memo for Chairman, TDC dated 28 June 1963 from
Chief, TID

1. It is requested that your office take immediate steps to negotiate the renewal of the contract with [REDACTED] level of effort for the reduction of stellar images based on the following estimates:

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a. There are approximately 47 missions programmed which will require stellar reduction.

b. Each mission is assumed to contain approximately 400 frames of stellar imagery.

c. Based on a 75% success of missions and a quoted price from [REDACTED] per 400 frames, the requirement for assistance in stellar reduction of images would amount to approximately [REDACTED]

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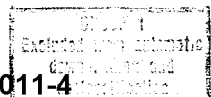
2. Discussions with Army Map Service personnel have indicated that there is a possibility that AMS will be able to accomplish complete reduction of stellar images on their own computer sometime in the near future.

3. In view of the requirement for reduction of stellar data for NPIC beginning the week of 8 July 1963 and extending for an indefinite period until AMS can establish their ability to handle the complete data reduction effort, it is recommended that a contract be negotiated with [REDACTED] immediately for [REDACTED]. This will cover reduction of approximately 9200 frames and should provide ample time to determine the feasibility of having AMS do the complete stellar reduction effort.

4. The decrease in the amount of the contract, from [REDACTED] required, to approximately [REDACTED] is based on the assumption that NPIC must protect

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itself against failure of the AMS capability and at the same time adhere to a requirement to obligate 1/12th or less of the P&DS budget during the month of July. The contract should be patterned after the expired contract for Fiscal Year 1963 with [REDACTED]

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Chief,
Development Branch, P&DS

APPROVED:

Executive Director, NPIC

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